

WARDEN MESSAGE**U.S. EMBASSY LA PAZ, BOLIVIA****April 12, 2011 5:00 pm**

This message updates the information provided in a warden message released the morning of April 14. Large scale labor and wage-related protests are ongoing throughout Bolivia at the drafting of this message and are expected to continue into tomorrow. U.S. citizens in Bolivia are advised major roads in most urban centers and main highways between several cities have been blocked during the day. While some roads have reopened to vehicle traffic, groups of protestors remain active throughout the country. Similar blockades are likely to occur on Friday, April 15. The protest situation remains extremely fluid and Americans living and traveling in Bolivia should keep well abreast of news reports and carefully monitor information about their planned routes before leaving home.

American citizens who plan to come to the Embassy in La Paz or the Consular Agency in Santa Cruz for routine consular services (i.e. passport renewals, reports of birth, notarial services) should check the Embassy website for any updates prior to arrival. At the time of this message both facilities are expected to be open tomorrow. U.S. citizens experiencing emergencies may reach the Consular Section by calling 591-2-216-8426. Applicants who encounter difficulties traveling to their appointments may reschedule through the online appointment system.

For the latest security information, you should regularly monitor the Department's internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current worldwide caution, travel warnings and travel alerts can be found. Additional information is available in the country specific information for Bolivia at <http://travel.state.gov> and on the embassy web page at <http://bolivia.usembassy.gov>. Current information on travel and security in Bolivia may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or, from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). U.S. citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. embassy or consulate on the State Department's travel registration web site at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. For the latest security information, you should regularly monitor the Department's internet website at <http://travel.state.gov> where the current worldwide caution, travel warnings and travel alerts can be found. Additional information is available in the country specific information for Bolivia at <http://travel.state.gov> and on the embassy web page at <http://bolivia.usembassy.gov>.

You may contact the consular section of the U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, via e-mail at consularlapaz@state.gov or by telephone at (591-2) 216-8246 during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or (591) 715-33713 after hours and on weekends. The consular section is located in the U.S. Embassy at 2780 Arce Avenue in La Paz, Bolivia, and is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 08:00 to 12:30, and Thursdays from 14:00 to 16:00. The Santa Cruz consular agency can be reached by telephone at (591-3) 351-3477. The Cochabamba consular agency is temporarily closed.